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SUBJ: MORGAN GALLUP POLL ON U.S. FACILITY ON DIEGO GARCIA

1. A MORGAN GALLUP POLL TAKEN IN NOVEMBER SHOWS THAT ONLY 4 OUT OF 10 AUSTRALIANS ARE AWARE THAT THE U.S. IS CONSTRUCTING A DEFENSE FACILITY ON DIEGO GARCIA. THE NATIONAL BULLETIN ARTICLE DESCRIBING THE RESULT OF THE POLL IS REPEATED BELOW:

2. QTE ONLY FOUR OUT OF 10 AUSTRALIANS ARE AWARE OF THE NAVAL AND AIR BASE BEING BUILT BY THE AMERICAN ON DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE MORGAN GALLUP POLL HAS FOUND.

3. QTE. IN NOVEMBER 2052 PEOPLE WERE ASKED IF THEY HAD READ ABOUT OR HEARD OF THE BASE BUT, DESPITE DOZENS OF PRONOUNCEMENTS BY THE WHITLAM GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE BASE, ONLY 40 PERCENT KNEW OF IT.

4. QTE. EVERYONE WAS THEN ASKED IF THEY FAVORED OR OPPOSED, AMERICA BUILDING THE BASE.

5. QTE. FORTY-ONE PERCENT SAID THEY FAVORED IT AND
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ONLY 14 PERCENT (19 PERCENT OF ALP VOTERS AND 8 PER-

CENT OF LIBERAL-NCP VOTERS) SAID THEY OPPOSED IT. THE
OTHER 45 PERCENT (CHIEFLY PEOPLE UNAWARE OF THE BASE)
WERE UNDECIDED.

6. QTE. OF THE 40 PERCENT AWARE OF THE BASE, 60 PERCENT
FAVOR IT. THE MOST COMMON COMMENT WAS, INNER QTE
WE NEED THE AMERICANS THERE TO PROTECT US. END INNER
QTE. END QTE.
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